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SUBJECT ROCKET ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT BUILDING

1. RSO WAS INFORMED JUNE 22 BY ARGENTINE SECURITY OFFICIALS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A STEP-UP IN TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE GOVT BUILDINGS. ON JUNE 13, THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE ISSUED AN ORDER TO SECURITY FORCES STATING THAT GUERRILLA ELEMENTS WILL LAUNCH ATTACKS WITH ROCKETS OR SIMILAR WEAPONS AGAINST POLICE AND MILITARY BUILDINGS. THESE ROCKETS CAN BE FIRED FROM A DISTANCE OF 400 METERS. ALL SECURITY FORCES WERE REQUESTED TO INTENSIFY THEIR WATCH OVER IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES.

2. ON THE SAME DAY, THERE WAS A REPORT OF AN EXPLOSION AT THE MILITARES FABRICACIONES IN BUENOS AIRES. THERE WAS A BOMB ATTACK ON THE RESIDENCE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL REYNALDO B. BIGNONE, SECRETARY

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GENERAL OF THE ARMY, WHO RESIDES IN BUENOS AIRES. ON JUNE 10, AN ATTACK WAS MADE ON THE CASA ROSADA (GOVT HOUSE)

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USING A ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE, AND ON JUNE 18 A SIMILAR ATTACK WAS MADE ON THE HQ OF THE 601 INTELLIGENCE BN. IN THIS LATTER ATTACK, THERE WAS MATERIAL DAMAGE DONE TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED. SECURITY FORCES RECOVERED PARTS OF THE ROCKET AND GOA OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT THEY WERE NOT THE USUAL MONTONERO G-40 OR G-70 GRENADE AND THEY MAY BE GRENADES OF SOVIET MANUFACTURE.

3. DATTS OFFICE ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS CONCERNING THE ATTACK ON CASA ROSADA AND THE RECOVERY OF THE PROJECTILES. DATT SOURCES ALSO STATED THEY BELIEVED THESE PROJECTILES ARE OF RUSSIAN ORIGIN, AN RPG-7 TYPE. RSO SOURCES STATED THEY WOULD TRY TO FURNISH PICTURES OF THE REMNANTS OF THE ROCKETS TO BE FORWARDED TO DOD WASHINGTON FOR ANALYSIS. THERE IS ALSO AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF A SIMILAR ATTACK MADE ON THE NAVY MECHANIC SCHOOL.

4. SOURCES STATED THESE ROCKETS HAD BEEN FIRED FROM A WHITE PEUGEOT SEDANS WITH SUNROOFS. THE GRENADIER STANDS ERECT IN THE SEDAN AND FIRES AT THE OBJECTIVE FROM THE SUNROOF POSITION. THEY THEN IMMEDIATELY FLEE THE SCENE. SOURCES STATED THE MONTONEROS ARE DESPERATE TO ACHIEVE SOME MILITARY SUCCESS DURING THE WORLD CUP PERIOD AND CONSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CUSTODIAL DETAIL BE INFORMED OF THE METHOD OF ROCKET ATTACK AND THE CAPABILITIES OF THE ROCKETS IN USE. ANOTHER SOURCE INDICATED THEY BELIEVE THERE ARE AT LEAST 20 OF THESE ROCKETS PRESENTLY IN THE COUNTRY. DEPT. WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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